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BOOK REVIEWS

A History of the American Bar. By Charles Warren, of the Boston Bar. Boston. Little, Brown, and Company, 1911. pp. xii, 586.

This *History of the American Bar* commences with the early colonial days when there was "Law without Lawyers", and concludes with the founding of the American Bar Association in 1878. A history of the American Bar is in a large sense a record of the growth of American law, for law develops only as those trained in it progress and advance. In this book we see the life of the law exceptionally well illustrated.

Part I points out the slow development of law as a profession, and the gradual rise of the lawyer to a position of influence, in each of the American colonies. It also embraces a history of early American legal education, and deals with contemporaneous legal conditions in England for the purpose of throwing light on those in America.

Part II portrays the building up of the distinctively American law and lawyer, after the establishment of an independent nation. The subject is gone into with considerable thoroughness, and interestingly. Two chapters are devoted to American law books, and another to the discussion of the early American law professorships and law schools. In the latter chapters of the book, "the four great factors in the development of the Bar" are treated historically, as an important factor in American history.

Before building up this book, Mr. Warren has given his subject close and analytical study. As a result he has produced an exceedingly valuable and highly instructive work. We deprecate the reference on page vi to "the reign of Chief Justice Marshall". But we commend the work as a whole in high terms to every lawyer and historian.

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